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HOG SUPPORT

SAN FRANCISCO, May 9 -- Support price of \$13.75 on good to choice butcher hogs, Chicago basis, will be extended May 15 by the War Food Administration to include hogs weighing down to 180 pounds.

Support heretofore only covered hogs weighing 200 to 270 pounds. The new extension, announced as temporary, is designed to protect producers who, because of the unprecedented heavy run of hogs to market, have been unable to get adequate prices for hogs under the 200-pound minimum.

J. Edgar Dick, WFA Livestock and Meat Branch western representative, said today that excess numbers of hogs are apparently being marketed because of a mistaken belief among hog producers that a forthcoming reduction of ceiling prices on hogs over 240 pounds, also effective May 15, will lower WFA support prices.

"There is no indication that the OFA change in ceiling will reduce support levels," said Dick.

Benefits of the WFA will vary from area to area in the west depending on feed conditions, according to Mr. Dick, who emphasized the fact that the May 15 change applies only to hogs of good or choice grades in the 180-270 pound range.

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Hitler's "war of nerves" bogged down on another front today, when the War Food Administration announced that the nerve-building vitamin, B-2 or riboflavin, is being shipped in extra-heavy quantities this year to America's armed forces and allies.

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According to Buell F. Maben, western regional director of the WFA Office of Distribution, an extra allocation of 13 percent more riboflavin has been authorized for non-civilian consumers thanks to great increases in production. The nation is now producing 40 times as much vitamin B-2 as in 1941, Maben said, and 43 percent more than in 1943.

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Steady improvements in the nation's supply of war-essential oils were further signalized yesterday with the revocation, by the War Food Administration, of restrictions on the use of raw linseed, castor, cashew nut and oiticica oils.

The regional office of the WFA Office of Distribution announced that War Food Orders 31, 32, 36 and 63, which govern utilization of the four types of oils, were revoked as of May 8 due to supply increases. Castor and oiticica oils are still subject to provisions of WFO 42, which restricts their use to specified percentages of average use in 1940 and 1941.

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